

other revenue losing issues and you all know what they are and that is literally cutting the throats of 60,000 farmers in this state. I guess I wouldn't feel so bad or sad about this whole thing if I had not been misled to change my original bill. So, for your information, you are going to receive a copy of a letter that I sent to the Governor. This is dated May 28th because I knew back then before that that she was going to veto this bill after I thought we had an agreement. So I am going to read it into the record, Mr. President. "Dear Governor Orr: To say that I was disappointed when you informed or told me you were going to veto LB 185 is putting it mildly, especially after you had agreed to support LB 185 if it was changed to just repair parts on farm machinery and equipment. For you to tell me you were going to veto the bill and when I asked, why, to state, I am sorry, you, meaning me, misunderstood what I said, is unacceptable. I did not misunderstand what you said, Governor, otherwise why would I bring the bill back and change it? Why would Mr. Luenberger, when I called him about reducing the revenue cost, state, yes, I understand you and the Governor have come to an agreement? Why, if there was a misunderstanding, did you not inform me not to go through returning the bill and using up valuable time to change it? I would like to call to your attention, Governor, that all legislation proposed and passed this year is huge tax breaks to big business other than agriculture, tax breaks to medium size business other than agriculture and tax breaks to gambling, Ak-Sar-Ben, and on and on. Do you not understand the importance of agriculture and farmers to the state? Do you not understand there are 60,000 farmers who are in financial trouble and need some type of help? Do you not understand the railroads and commercial truckers are afforded the tax breaks? Do you not understand, Governor, that a person's word is supposed to be good? Mine always has been, why shouldn't yours be good? As the Governor of the State of Nebraska, you should consider all the citizens in the state and not just the super wealthy, the powerful lobby groups or the huge corporations. I may not succeed in my attempt to override your veto but at least my conscience will be clear and the 60,000 farmers can then know for a fact just where you are coming from regarding your attitude toward their needs and your opinions of farmers and farming. Sincerely, Rex Haberman." That's how strong I feel about this bill. But, as Senator Chambers said a little while ago, the Governor has one thing that I didn't have and that was 30 votes, 30 votes. I have 26, 25 votes. I do not have 30 votes. Therefore, Mr. President, I am not going to put this body through the exercise of voting. I am going to leave the